APOCALYPTIC
HORSEPLAY
BY BORISMAN

ALL MIGHTY METATRON. HIGHEST OF ALL ANGELS...
HEAR MY PRAYER.
BY THE VIRTUE OF MY ESSENCE, AND THE SANCTITY OF THIS VESSEL...
...I CALL UPON YOUR SPIRIT AND IMPLORE YOUR GUIDANCE.

YOU WHO SIT BY THE THRONE OF GLORY. WHOSE FLESH WAS TURNED TO FLAME AND WHOSE EYES WERE SET ABLAZE!
YOU WHO ANSWERS ONLY TO THE LORD AND WHOSE WISDOM...
YES, YES. HERE I COME MY CHILD
YOUR GROVELING IS DELIGHTFUL AS ALWAYS. BUT MY TIME HERE IS SHORT
WHAT DO YOU ASK OF ME?
I ONLY SEEK YOUR INVALUABLE COUNCIL, HOLY ONE.

DESPITE MY BEST EFFORTS, THE WICKED HORSEMEN HAVE ESCAPED ME. AND I FEAR THEIR ALLIANCE WITH THE BEAST IS IMMINENT.
PLEASE GUIDE ME TOWARDS FINDING THEM, SO THAT I MAY SMITE THESE AFFLICTIONS BEFORE THEY ARE BENT TO ITS WILL.

YOU ARE WISE TO FEAR THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE BEAST
ONLY WITH THE POWERS OF THE HORSEMEN CAN IT FULFILL THE PROPHECY OF THE SCROLLS AND BRING ABOUT THE REIGN OF ITS FATHER.

THESE CREATURES MAY BE DIFFICULT TO FIND, BUT THERE IS A WAY FOR YOU TO LOCATE THEM
YOU SIMPLY NEED TO USE THE..
BABEL? ARE YOU DOWN HERE?
MASTER!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT RELIC?
I...
I WAS JUST PRAYING TO IT, MASTER.

HOW ARE YOU BACK FROM THE VATICAN SO SOON?
THE HEARING WAS ADJOURNED. SO I TOOK AN EARLY FLIGHT.
AND DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!

PRIEST MATTHEW AND VON BELLSING CLAIM YOU AND YOUR MEN CAME TO THEIR AID UNSOLICITED.
THEY SAY YOUR MAN DAMOCLES APPEARED OUT OF THIN AIR!
NONSENSE! I ASKED DAMOCLES TO FOLLOW THEM IN SECRET. AND REPORT TO ME IF THEY UNCOVERED ANYTHING.
THAT'S HOW I KNEW WHERE TO FIND THEM.

WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU ACCUSING ME OF?
I DON'T KNOW, CHILD, BUT I HEAR RUMORS ABOUT YOU.
TROUBLING RUMORS...
AND YOU BELIEVED THEM?
THE COUNCIL WAS ALWAYS RESENTFUL OF ME, YOU SAID IT YOURSELF! EVER SINCE YOU APPROVED MY ORDINATION, THEY LOOK DOWN UPON ME.
THEY WOULD SAY ANYTHING TO DENY MY PRIESTHOOD!

YOU ARE THE ONLY MAN WHO EVER BELIEVED IN ME... WHO EVER TRUSTED ME.
PLEASE, DON'T LET THEIR MISOGYNY CREATE A RIFT BETWEEN US.
YOU'RE RIGHT, MY DEAR... I APOLOGIZE.

TO BE HONEST, I'VE NEVER HAD MUCH FAITH IN THE COUNCIL MYSELF.
THE HIGH COUNCILOR WAS STILL IN DIAPERS WHEN I BECAME A MEMBER. AND HIS INABILITY TO COMPLETE THE TASK AT HAND IS A TESTAMENT TO HIS INADEQUACY.
WHICH IS WHY I CHOSE NOT TO TURN IN THE ARTIFACT YOU AND YOUR MEN UNCOVERED.

I BELIEVE IT MAY BE THE KEY TO COMPLETING OUR MISSION.